

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I would like to register my Strong Opposition to dropping the Morse Code requirement in Amateur Radio licensing. I believe that the current minimal 5 wpm requirement provides an easily attainable yet valuable 'cog' in the amateur radio structure, and removal of this requirement would undermine the flexibility and usefulness of this great service.

CW is a simple but elegant mode of communication that will work when all other modes fail. I believe that maintaining the simple 5 wpm requirement is important to the stability, viability, and overall future of the amateur service.

Sincerely,

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